

*AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION*

Replace the paragraph on page 13, lines 10-18, with:

The amount of these alkali metal or alkaline earth metal to be used is generally within the range of 0.7 to ~~20~~ 2 times the amount necessary for reducing the carbon-carbon double bond of compound (I) to be reduced. When the amount of alkali metal or alkaline earth metal to be used is less than such range, reduction of the carbon-carbon double bond tends not to proceed sufficiently and to reduce the yield, and when it is greater than such range, side reactions (e.g., reduction of ketone and the like) tend to proceed further.